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SUBJECT: IRISH EMPLOYERS & UNIONS AGREE NEGOTIATE  
NEW WAGE AGREEMENT

REF: DUBLIN 841

1. IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (ICTU), BY TWO  
TO ONE MARGIN, AND FEDERATED UNION OF EMPLOYERS  
AGREED SEPTEMBER 27 TO NEGOTIATE THIRD SUCCESSIVE  
NATIONAL PAY AGREEMENT TO COMMENCE BEGINNING 1974.  
SEPTEMBER 28 EMPLOYER/LABOR CONFERENCE PLENARY  
WILL REVIEW OPERATION OF LAST AGREEMENT, WHICH  
WAS CONCLUDED IN JULY 1972, AND WILL SET STAGE  
FOR INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ICTU, EMPLOYERS,  
STATE COMPANIES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT  
IN ITS CAPACITY AS EMPLOYER.

2. ICTU GENERAL SECRETARY RUADHRI ROBERTS LISTED  
UNIONS' GOALS AS SECURING HIGHEST POSSIBLE WAGE  
INCREASE FOR GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF WORKERS,  
BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION AGAINST INFLATION,  
QUICKEST POSSIBLE ADVANCE IN EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS,  
AND FAIREST POSSIBLE SHARING OF GAINS. HE ALSO  
NOTED ICTU HAD OTHER OBJECTIVES NOT COVERED BY  
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WAGE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING MORE EQUITABLE INCOME

TAX BURDEN- SHARING.

3. WORKERS WILL WANT INCREASES WHICH WILL DO BETTER  
THAN KEEP PACE WITH INFLATION, RUNNING AT OVER  
11 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE, WHILE GOI AND EMPLOYERS  
WILL SEEK TO CURB INCREASE IN UNIT LABOR COSTS,  
WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO INFLATION AND COULD EVENTUALLY  
PRICE IRISH GOODS OUT OF COMPETITIVE MARKETS. 1972  
AGREEMENT WAS FIRST REJECTED BY UNIONS, AND HAD  
TO BE SWEETENED BEFORE IT WAS ACCEPTED.

COMMENTATORS PREDICT THAT NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL  
WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, BUT AT LEAST THEY  
ARE UNDERWAY.  
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